

Q: What are the three types of fish to avoid eating from Portland Harbor?

A: Bass, catfish and carp.



Q: What are the major contaminants at the Portland Harbor Superfund site?

A: Heavy metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), dioxin and pesticides.



Q: When is the proposed cleanup plan expected?

A: The Proposed Plan is expected to be complete in 2016. It will describe a cleanup path for the Harbor.



Q: When did Portland Harbor become a Superfund site?

A: The site was added to the National Priorities List (NPL) in 2000.



Q: What are the options for cleaning up the contamination?

A: Removing contaminated sediments (river mud), treating contaminants in place, covering or capping contaminated sediment and allowing new sediment to naturally cover contaminated sediment over time.



Q: Why should I be concerned about the Portland Harbor Superfund site?

A: Studies show there are contaminants at Portland Harbor that pose unacceptable risks to people, fish and wildlife.



Q: What is the goal of the cleanup at the Portland Harbor Superfund site?

A: The goal is to have a Harbor that is cleaner, fish that people can eat with lower risk, and beach areas that can be safely enjoyed by the community.



Q: Where can I find Portland Harbor fish advisory information?



A: For fish advisory information visit: www.healthoregon.org/fishadv or call (877) 290-6767.



Q: Where can I sign up for updates about the Portland Harbor Superfund site?



A: Sign up for updates at: http://bit.ly/ptlndhrbr



Q: Who is most at risk from eating contaminated fish from Portland Harbor?

A: Young children, nursing infants and babies in the womb. Mothers and children should avoid eating bass, catfish and carp from Portland Harbor.



Q: How did Portland Harbor become contaminated?

A: Contamination is the result of over a century of industrial use along the Willamette River.



Q: When are Community Advisory Group (CAG) meetings?

A: Second Wednesday of every month at 6pm.



Who is working on the cleanup and who can I contact for more information?

A: The U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 503-326-6831 or Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) at 503-229-5326.



Q: Where is the Portland Harbor Superfund site?

A: The site is located on the lower Willamette River, approximately between the Broadway Bridge in downtown Portland and Sauvie Island.



Q: What can I do to be involved?

A: Contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 503-326-6831 or Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) at 503-229-5326 to share ideas or request group discussions or educational materials.



Q: What is source control?

A: Cleanup before the cleanup. Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is cleaning up contamination perties near Portland Harbor so the river won't be polluted again after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) cleanup.



